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held This Afternoon, will be Payable
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the 30th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply
at the Office of the Company for War-
rants.

By Order of the Directors.
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1881.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND
MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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6 % or \$4.50 per SHARE, de-
clared at the Ordinary half-yearly
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS held TO-
DAY, will be payable at the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Bank on and after
SATURDAY NEXT, the 30th inst.

Shareholders are requested to apply
at the Office of the Company for War-
rants.

By order of the Board of Directors.

P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th July, 1881.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the
Scrip in the above named Com-
pany, for Shares numbered 5640, 5641,
5642, and 5643, has been stolen, and
that application has been made that
the same may be cancelled and New
Scrip issued.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1881.

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LIMITED.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the
undermentioned Scrip in the
above named Company has been stolen,
and that application has been made
that the same may be cancelled and
New Scrip issued.

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be inserted free of charge.

**THE
Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, 1st AUGUST, 1881.

The recent revolution in the general management of the so-called Hongkong Blockading Squadron may not unlikely lead to serious complications. The removal of the European officers from the whole of the armed cruisers in the service of the Chinese Commissioner of Customs at Canton, and the substitution of Chinese in their stead, marks the commencement of a new era in the protection of the Hoppo's revenue, which, judging from past experience in similar matters entrusted solely to Chinese superintendence, can hardly be regarded as an experiment likely to prove permanently successful. The one redeeming feature in the objectionable, although perfectly legal blockading of Hongkong and Macao by the Commissioner's gunboats, was the perfect reliance which could be placed on the honor and good faith of the English officers in command, in strictly observing international laws, and in permitting no irregularities or abuses in the performance of what was frequently a difficult and unpleasant duty. Although the *Peng-chou-hai*, *Shên-chi*, *Chên-jui*, and *Li-shê*, were constantly cruising in the vicinity of Hongkong, not a single outrage, or breach of faith, worthy of the name, ever came before the public. That Captains Palmer, Wade, Getley, Read, and Rome did their duty faithfully and conscientiously for the Hoppo's best interests cannot be doubted, and it is equally certain that they never permitted their anti-smuggling proclivities to sanction or permit any course of action, outside the rules laid down by the Canton authorities for their guidance, in dealing with smugglers, likely to affect the dignity, or, in other respects, prove prejudicial to the interests, of the Customs service. We have occasionally had troubles in Hongkong, arising out of the actions of the revenue officers against smugglers; but such cases have invariably arisen where the cruisers were under the command of Chinese, who cared little whether their seizures were made in British waters or not, so long as they succeeded in capturing the contraband goods. This will be one of the difficulties the new system will have to

contend against, and unless the orders from the Commissioner in Canton to his subordinates in charge of the cruisers, are of such a character as to effectually prevent the possibility of illegal seizures being made in British or Portuguese waters, a very short time will elapse before the Customs authorities will find themselves involved in serious difficulties with the Governments of Hongkong and Macao.

It has been currently reported that the dismissal of the European officers is owing to the action of the British Consul at Canton in the celebrated Page scandal, as Mr. Robert Hart, C.B., the Inspector General of Imperial Customs, is said, on account of the proceedings in this case, to have declined to have anything further to do with the management of the Hoppo's cruisers, or to bear any responsibility on their account. Though there possibly may be some truth in this rumour, we are in a position to state from the highest Chinese authorities, that it was decided some two years ago to dispense with the assistance of the English officers, and to reorganise the whole Canton Revenue Service under native direction. Mr. Hart's reported action, therefore, can only have hastened a change which had already been resolved on, and which under the present Commissioner was inevitable.

The idea of the Chinese Mandarins in the Canton Customs Service, to substitute for large and comparatively useless vessels like the *Peng-chou-hai* and *Shên-chi*, which have been maintained at a heavy cost, a smaller type of vessel, of a class similar to the gunboat recently built at Kowloon Docks by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited (which may be seen in the harbour any day), is unquestionably based on practical principles. A fleet of small steamers of light draft, armed with two or three improved Armstrongs and a Gatling, and capable of steaming ten or eleven knots an hour, supplemented with a number of powerful steam launches armed and equipped according to their respective dimensions, would prove decidedly more economical and infinitely more effective in making captures, and repressing smuggling, than has been the case with the two large vessels above mentioned. The *Peng-chou-hai* is undoubtedly a fine vessel, and besides being heavily armed with Armstrong guns of an excellent type, she has the advantage of possessing great steaming power, her rate of progression, it is said, exceeding 12 knots per hour. Although with far too heavy a draft of water for chasing smuggling junks up the shallow creeks of the Canton and West rivers, or among the rocky inlets of the districts surrounding Hongkong, Captain Palmer's old craft would be a splendid acquisition to the Viceroy's squadron for suppressing piracy in the Gulf of Tonquin, and along the southern coasts where this crime is still so prevalent; and we shall not be surprised to hear before long, that the big revenue cruiser has been transferred from the Customs to the Imperial service. The *Shên-chi* is too slow, besides drawing too much water, to be a very effective cruiser, and both the *Chên-jui* and *Li-shê*, although doubtless the most useful craft in the service, would be all the better if they could travel faster, and could be depended upon in a heavy sea. However, as it is stated to be the intention of the Customs authorities to protect the revenue in a far more energetic fashion than has ever previously been the case, we shall no doubt see their squadron of cruisers largely augmented, and the cordon of blockaders drawn closer round both this free port, and the ancient city of Macao. We fully anticipate disagreeable complications, and although we personally know Mr. Tze Cheong Tai, the mandarin who has been placed in charge of the cruisers, to be an officer of

wide experience, and the most liberal views, who will do everything in his power to faithfully enforce the respect due to treaty obligations, our experiences of Chinese customs generally give us few hopes that native officers will be able to enforce the rigid discipline, which, during past years under European surveillance, has been the only means of avoiding many abuses and irregularities, which would have demanded interference and investigation.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The complications and troubles in connection with the Wei Sing Monopoly business at Macao, are, to all appearance, a long way from being ended. The latest move in reference to the extraordinary proceedings of the past few weeks, must have come upon Governor Graça and his advisers in the light of a genuine surprise. It is currently reported that the original purchasers of the monopoly have initiated proceedings against the Macao Government for breach of contract; and further, that the Chinese member of the syndicate who was detained in custody at Macao, has commenced an action against the Governor, claiming heavy damages for false imprisonment. Although our information is derived from a thoroughly reliable source, we deem it prudent to commit ourselves to no definite expression of opinion, until the reports above referred to are properly authenticated.

Our attention has been directed to an article in the *China Mail* of last Saturday, which professes to be an extract from the *Catholic Register* of July 30th. The *Orthodox Register* happens to be printed in the same premises as the *Telegraph*, and we are in a position to state that the issue dated July 30th was not published until this forenoon. Moreover, on carefully searching the columns of our Catholic contemporary, we utterly fail to discover any trace of the article in question. It must require a good deal of assurance on the part of a newspaper man, to publish as an extract from another journal, an article which that journal never did, and never will publish; but the editor of our evening contemporary has certainly proved himself quite equal to the occasion; although in this, as in many more of the *China Mail's* eccentricities, we are rather at a loss to comprehend his motive for such a barefaced dodge. Are we justified in believing that our contemporary pirated the article, or has he been most egregiously hoaxed?

The attack on H. E. Governor Graça, which is the subject of the so-called extract, is quite indefensible. We have not been slow to severely criticise the great lack of decision, and utter want of perspicacity, displayed by His Excellency in the Wei Sing business; but as it is apparent that Senhor Graça has been throughout a deluded victim in the hands of a not too scrupulous confederacy, we think the self-appointed champion and defender of, and apologist for Consul General Loureiro would have exhibited better sense, and better taste, had he kept his hypercritical observations, relating to the Governor of Macao's action in the Graça v. Pitman case, to himself, at least, until the termination of the said case. We should imagine that Mr. Loureiro, who is an honor to the nation he represents, will hardly thank the writer of the attack on Governor Graça for his ill timed advocacy!

We understand that the electric light will probably be adopted in the Champs Elysées, Paris. An electric railway has already been planned to run from the Place de la Concorde to the Jardin d'Acclimation in the Bois de Boulogne.

The *Little Western*, the small boat that successfully crossed the Atlantic from New York to London, started from Westminster Bridge on Tuesday June 14th, on her return journey. The dimensions of this craft, the smallest that has ever crossed the Western Ocean, are as follows: length over all 16½ feet; length of keel 13½ feet; beam 6½ feet. Her crew number two—all told.

Tramways in Bucharest are drawn by oxen instead of horses, the former

being a long way the cheaper beasts of burden. As the *Graphic* quaintly observes, time is evidently no object with the Roumanians. Oxen would answer the requirements of the proposed China Tramway Company in Hongkong, so far as speed is concerned, if the stated rate of 3 miles in half an hour is to be adhered to.

The steamship *Danube* was docked at Sam-sui-po Dock yesterday forenoon.

We learn from the Shanghai *Mercury* that Li Hung Chang, has been appointed Commander in chief of the eighteen provinces.

To-day being a bank holiday His Excellency the Governor has ordered the various Government departments also to observe it as such.

We have been informed by the Agent of the P. & O. Company that their steamer the *Avoca* left Singapore for this port on Saturday afternoon with the Indian mails.

The P. & O. steamer *Zambesi* with the English mails of 1st July left Singapore for this port on the 29th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about Friday next the 5th instant.

We note the arrival of the following officers by the *Electra* to relieve others of corresponding rank on board the German gunboats *Illis* and *Wolf*, Lieutenant Paleske, Sub-Lieutenant Jacobsen, and Dr. Gachdo.

The Tramway.—An impression seems to prevail that the Board of Consuls have been terrified into vetoing the Tramway by the Taotai's letter. We gave the correct version of the matter a few days ago, and nothing further has been done in the matter. We should think that the vetoing story at any rate was improbable.—*Mercury*.

Lekin on Opium.—We hear that the memorial from Tso about opium was incorrect in some particulars as given in the *Shenpao*. We understand that Li and Tso have agreed with Sir Thomas Wade that Lekin shall be fixed at Tls. 30, to be paid at the same time as the duty; that is, import duty and lekin together Tls. 60.—*Mercury*.

Mr. Mahomed, the Indian broker, who sent us particulars of some property sales of rather an important character a couple of days ago, has just informed us that Lot 581, comprising seven houses in Peel-street, was sold on Saturday to Chinese for \$8,400; and again changed hands yesterday for \$9,200, the first purchaser realising a profit of \$800 on his judicious investment.

The British steamer *Paladin* from Shanghai, reports having passed a large wreck in latitude 23° 19' N., and longitude 121° 51' E., painted lead colour. She appeared to be a vessel of about 700 tons burden and is probably the same as that reported by the steamer *Euphrates* on her arrival at Amoy on the 20th ultimo. She was then in latitude 28° 17' N., and longitude 121° 53' E.

We have received the first two numbers of *L'Indépendant*, a new journal published weekly in the neighbouring colony of Saigon. The programme of the new enterprise, as sketched in the first issue, July 16th, is identical with that of the old daily paper of the same name, and may be summarised thus; to claim for the colony all necessary liberties, to defend her rights, and to strike against abuses, using moderation and discretion in every act. We wish our contemporary a large measure of success.

The prisoner Wong Afuk, who recently committed an assault upon Mr. Tounochy, Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, was again brought before Mr. Wodehouse on Saturday afternoon, when his Worship finally decided on the case being dealt with by the public tribunals of the colony. He said that he had given the case his fullest consideration since the last hearing, and with his best desire to give weight to the opinions expressed by the Superintendent of the Gaol, he still considered that the case was not one contemplated or provided for by the Gaol Ordinances. He therefore directed

that the prisoner be brought before the Police Court on a criminal charge. The whole proceedings were conducted as usual in the English language, but the prisoner was marched back to his cell without any interpretation whatever being made to him of what had been said or done.

We take the following telegrams from a copy of the *Straits Times* received on Saturday, by the British steamer *Antonio*—

Paris, 8th July.
At the meeting of the Metallic Conference to-day, the French and American delegates proposed a resolution requesting the States represented to open diplomatic negotiations with the view of bringing about an understanding, the Conference to reassemble on the 12th of next April to settle details for a Monetary Convention, which, it is hoped, will result from the said negotiations. The result was unanimously adopted, and the Conference then was broken up.

London, 10th June.
Messrs. Baring Brothers and Hambro of London have contracted for the new Italian loan of 640 million francs, negotiations for which were recently broken off by the Rothschilds. The loan will be issued next week upon such conditions as will obviate any monetary disturbance.

11th July.
The Italian loan amounts to 30 millions in sterling. The rate of interest is five per cent, and the minimum rate at which tenders will be accepted is fixed at 90. The contractors will retain half until next year.

Obituary.—Lord Hatherley and General Sir Richard Waddy.

July 12th.
Mr. William Shaw, the member for Cork, and a Home Ruler, has declined a seat on the Land Commission.

Bank Shares.—Oriental Bank, £21/10; Chartered Bank, £23/10; Chartered Mercantile Bank, £23; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, £17.

New York, 9th July.
President Garfield continues to improve.

11 July.
President Garfield shows feverish symptoms, otherwise he is progressing favourably.

12th July.
President Garfield's feverish symptoms have abated.

TUNIS, 8th July.
Telegraphic communication with Sfax is interrupted.—It is reported that the bombardment of the town by the French gunboats lasted two days, and that the forts, great Mosque and portion of Mussulman quarters have been destroyed. Obstinate resistance continues.

9th July.
The number of insurgents at Sfax is upwards of 15,000.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 9th July.
A rising has taken place in the Mecca district, and two battalions of Turkish troops have been routed by the insurgents.

TUNIS, 10th July.
The bombardment of Sfax continues. The French troops are prevented from landing.

11th July.
The French Squadron is proceeding to Sfax. The Tunisian troops who were sent from here to quell the insurrection refused to fight against the insurgents and have been brought back.

ALGERS, 12th July.
The Algerian insurgents have attacked the French at Krouder and been completely repulsed with a loss of 250 in killed.

It is reported that Tripoli tribes are marching to relieve Sfax, the bombardment of which continues.

The annexed telegrams are taken from *The Englishman* received by the S.S. *Japan* which arrived here this forenoon:—

"We have received the following telegram from the Government of Bengal:—

"Turkish Government now requires all pilgrims and others landing at Jeddah and other ports in the Hedjaz to produce passports. This should be made known as widely as possible, and immediate measures should be taken to provide passports at ports in Bengal for all who apply. Each applicant should be directed to register his name at the Jeddah Consulate on arrival,

Owners of vessels should be warned that passengers are liable to be refused permission to disembark unless provided with passports.

The necessary instructions are being issued by the Government of Bengal for the supply of passports at all ports in Bengal.

Bulgaria.

Sofia, July 13.

The Prince of Bulgaria has issued a proclamation respecting reforms in the public service. The Assembly will annually decide on the budget, and all international questions will be settled by that body.

We take the following interesting items from our Australian exchanges received by the S. S. *Killarney* which arrived here on Saturday morning:—

The attempted assassination of President Garfield.

London, July 3.

Dr. Bliss, the medical attendant upon President Garfield, has announced that the chances are in favour of his patient's recovery. The latest bulletin which has been issued says that the case is more hopeful. The pulse and respiration are normal. As yet the wound has not been probed for the bullet, but this operation will be undertaken by Dr. Bliss to-night. The President is so much improved that he is able to take nourishment.

Mrs. Garfield has arrived at the White House in Washington, from Long Branch, and is now in attendance at the bedside of her husband. She says that the President is much better than at any period since her arrival.

The bullet, which was supposed to have penetrated the liver, is in the abdomen, and its removal is not considered to be essential to the President's recovery. By latest accounts President Garfield was reported to be steadily improving.

Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Emperor William of Germany, M. Jules Grevy (the President of the French Republic), and the Emperor of Russia have sent cable messages inquiring as to the health and condition of the President.

Charles Guiteau, the would be assassin, is insane. The outrage has no political signification, and was not in connexion with any organisation.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

London, July 4.

The condition of President Garfield is improving. Earnest inquiries as to his condition continue to be made by Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, and leading statesmen in all parts of Europe. The British and Continental press are unanimous in expressing detestation of the crime. It is expected that Parliament will to-night declare its sympathy with President Garfield.

Washington, July 3 (Noon).

The latest bulletin issued by President's Garfield's medical attendants is of a more favourable character than those previously published.

The alarming symptoms which were apparent last night, and which resulted from the great loss of blood and shock to the system, have now, to a great extent, subsided; and, although not free from danger, the condition of the President generally may be considered to have somewhat improved.

The bullet, which entered the thigh, and thence penetrated to the region of the liver, still remains imbedded, and as yet the surgeons have not been able to extract it.

During the past few hours President Garfield has been able to obtain some rest in sleep. He is also able to take such nourishment as is required to maintain his strength.

Altogether, the demeanour of the patient is calm and cheerful, and the temperature of the body is normal.

From further particulars which have transpired regarding Charles Guiteau, the would-be assassin, it appears that until recently he held a position in the consular service, from which he was dismissed.

The deepest and most universal sympathy is expressed on all sides for General Garfield, and telegrams have been received from all parts of the country and Europe inquiring as to his condition.

At one time yesterday reports were current that the President had succumbed to his wounds, and the excitement both here and in New York was for some time intense.

Telegrams expressing sympathy continue to be received at White House from all the capitals of Europe.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent a message of condolence to General Garfield, and similar telegrams have also been sent by the Prince of Wales and the Marquis of Lorne.

MIDNIGHT.

A further bulletin has been issued to-night by the physicians in attendance on General Garfield, who state that there is a continued absence of immediately dangerous symptoms, and that the President's condition generally is unchanged.

The results of a more minute examination prove that the bullet pierced the liver and became imbedded in the abdomen, where it still remains.

Mr. Bradlaugh and the Oath.

London, July 5.—Mr. Bradlaugh has notified to the Speaker of the House of Commons that he will renew his demand to be allowed to take his seat after prescribing the usual form.

Complications in Europe.

London, July 5.—The complications arising out of the Franco-Tunisian trouble are giving rise to a fear of a European war. France is mobilising 100,000 troops.

President Garfield.

London, July 5.—President Garfield is progressing towards recovery.

Turko-Greek Affairs.

London, July 5.—In consequence of the re-occupation of Arta by the Turks, the Greek troops have crossed the frontier and are rapidly advancing.

The Irish Difficulty.

London, July 5.—Progress continues being made with the Irish Land Bill. The Secretary of State proposes that those tenants in arrears £30 and less should come to an arrangement with the landlords, and Government advance half the amount overdue for the years 1878 and 1879 as a loan.

Miscellaneous.

London, July 5.—Forty soldiers have suffered from sunstroke at a military review at Aldershot; four cases proved fatal.

The Bombay census shows 755,000. The Australian mails via Brindisi were delivered in London on the 6th. Advice received from Candahar report serious dissensions between the officers of the Ameer.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

London, June 28.

In the House of Commons last night, the Irish Land Bill was further considered in committee, and, after a debate, the fourth clause of the measure was passed.

This clause enacts that the tenant shall not be compelled to pay a higher rent than that agreed upon before the expiry of any lease, excepting upon the breach of certain conditions, which are specified in five sub-clauses.

London, June 28, (Evening).

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Gladstone introduced a motion with the object of giving the Irish Land Bill absolute precedence over all other measures.

After a discussion, and some dissent, the motion was adopted by the House.

London, June 29.

In the House of Commons this evening, further progress was made with the Irish Land Bill, clauses 5 and 6 of the measure, dealing with the questions of compensation for disturbance and for improvements, having finally passed the committee.

Portions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, are repealed by these clauses. The compensation to the tenant for disturbance is fixed at a certain number of years' rental; and the amount of compensation for improvements is, by clause 6, referred for adjudication to the Civil Bill Court of the county where disputed questions may arise.

EARLY PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

London, June 28.

In consequence of the adoption of the motion brought forward by Mr. Gladstone to-day, it is expected that much more rapid progress will be made with the Land Bill, and that the Government will be able to prorogue Parliament early in August.

MASSACRE OF SPANISH COLONISTS IN ALGERIA.

Madrid, June 24.

Intelligence has been received by the Government of a terrible occurrence at Saida, a place in Algeria, at which a Spanish colony has been for some time past established.

The settlers, in common with the French residents, have lately been regarded with much hostility by the native Algerians, who recently rose in rebellion. They were suddenly attacked by a large number of the Arabs, and being taken unawares, they were unable to offer any prolonged resistance.

One hundred of the colonists were killed, and four hundred others either wounded or carried off as prisoners.

REPORTED MILITARY REDUCTIONS IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, June 25.

Reports are current in well-informed circles in this city to the effect that important changes are impending in the Russian military organisation.

General Ignatieff, it is said, is strongly in favour of extensive retrenchment in the army, and proposes reductions to the extent of several million roubles.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Monday, August 1st, 1881.

One o'clock P.M.

Owing to this being Bank Holiday, business has been generally suspended throughout the colony, so that we have actually no Stock Exchange transactions to report. The annual meeting of the shareholders of The China Traders Insurance Company, Limited, was held on Saturday, but as nothing of importance transpired, we can only refer our readers to a detailed report of the proceedings, which will be found below.

China Traders' Insurance Company.

The fifteenth ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the above company was held at the offices, Queen's-road, on Saturday afternoon, when the Directors' report and statement of accounts to April last were submitted. The following gentlemen were present:—Messrs. A. McIver (Chairman), M. E. Sassoon, J. Thurburn, H. Wicking, W. R. Loxley, H. Crawford, E. C. Ray, A. S. Garfit, E. George, H. Foss, L. Poesnecker, J. S. Moses, T. Arnold, F. Henderson, C. W. Holliday, B. Schmacker, T. W. Richardson, and W. H. Ray (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—The Report having been in your hands for some time, we will, if you please, take it as read. You will have observed from the accounts that our net premium exceeds the earnings of the previous twelve months by \$67,000, and although our losses show \$95,000 more, the difference is accounted for by the increased business and rather more casualties than ordinary. Our contributors will not obtain quite such a handsome return as in the previous year, but it must be remembered that our rates of premium during the period under review have been generally about 20 per cent. less, so that in addition to their contributions our constituents have benefited to that extent. The reserve fund will now amount to \$475,000, and looking to possible increased competition, together with our extending business, it seems important that further additions should be made to this fund as opportunity offers. I am pleased to be able to inform you that during the three months of the current year our business compares favourably with that during the similar period of any preceding year.

The Chairman then proposed, and Mr. E. George seconded, the passing of the accounts, which was carried.

The Chairman next proposed that Messrs. B. Schmacker and J. Thurburn be confirmed in their appointment of Directors, vice Messrs. Nelson and Erdmann. Seconded by Mr. H. Wicking and carried unanimously.

Messrs. H. Smith and T. Arnold were next re-elected auditors, and Messrs. M. E. Sassoon and L. Poesnecker, the retiring directors, were also re-elected.

This concluded the business and the Chairman announced that the dividend Warrants would be ready for issue to-day.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

July 30, *Electra*, German steamer, 1136, R. Balme, Hamburg via Singapore, 24th July, General.—Siemssen & Co.

July 31, *Paladin*, British steamer, 968, G. Parkin, Shanghai 26th July, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

July 31, *Greyhound*, British steamer, 226, D. Scott, Hoilow & Co., 20th July, General.—Adamson Bells & Co.

July 31, *Antonio*, British steamer, 1212, J. Seaborn, London 4th June, and Singapore, 25th July, General.—Russell & Co.

August 1, *Kung-chi*, Chinese steamer, 688, R. C. Marsden, Haiphong 29th July, and Hoilow 31st, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

August 1, *Tugayago Maru*, Japanese steamer, 1230, C. Young, Yokohama 23rd July, and Hoilow 25th, General.—M. B. M. S. S. Co.

August 1, *Japan*, British steamer, 1865, T. S. Gardner, Calcutta 17th July, General.—

August 1, *Tientsin*, British steamer, 682, Robinson, Chinkiang 26th July, Rico.—Butterfield & Swire.

August 1, *Banyu*, Spanish steamer, 222, T. Blanco, Manila 29th July, General.—Remedios & Co.

August 1, *Conquest*, British steamer, 318, T. Hamlin, Haiphong 29th July, and Hoilow 31st, General.—Shun Hang Hong.

DEPARTURES.

July 30, *Velocity*, British bark, for Newchwang.

July 30, *Mary*, British brig, for Tientsin.

July 30, *Fyen*, Danish steamer, for Vladivostok.

July 31, *Pohien*, British steamer, for Amoy.

July 31, *Hainan*, American steamer, for Hoilow.

July 31, *Swift*, British gunboat, for Amoy.

July 31, *Wycliffe*, British steamer, for Newchwang.

July 31, *Octava*, German steamer, for Manila.

July 31, *Wilna*, American ship, for Hoilow.

July 31, *Louisa*, German schooner, for Chofoo.

July 31, *Amoy*, British steamer, for Canton.

July 31, *Paladin*, British steamer, for Canton.

July 31, *Ajeh*, Dutch steamer, for Amoy.

July 31, *Conquest*, American bark, for New York.

July 31, *Anna*, German bark, for Tientsin.

July 31, *Esmeralda*, British steamer, for Amoy.

August 1, *Anna Sieben*, German bark, for Palamouth.

August 1, *Tientsin*, British steamer, for Canton.

August 1, *Ribston*, British bark, for Sarawak.

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Per *Paladin*, British steamer, from Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

Per *Greyhound*, British steamer, from Hoilow & Co., 18 Chinese.

Per *Kang-chi*, Chinese steamer, from Haiphong and Hoilow, Messrs Wong Sei Chun, and Wing Fat Chiong saloon, one European deck and 26 Chinese.

Per *Antonio*, British steamer, from Singapore 31 Chinese.

Per *Tugayago Maru*, from Yokohama, Captain McMackon, 1 European, and 4 Chinese in steerage.

Per *Japan*, British steamer, from Calcutta, Mrs. T. S. Gardner, Messrs C. C. Apcar, J. John, A. Apcar, and 367 Chinese deck.

Per *Banyu*, Spanish steamer, from Manila, 14 Chinese.

Per *Esmeralda*, steamer, from Manila, 6 European, and 156 Chinese deck.

Per *Killarney*, steamer, from Melbourne, &c., Mrs. O'Neill and 2 Misses O'Neill.

Per *Amoy*, steamer, from Shanghai, Mr. G. Orley and 19 Chinese.

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Do. per btl. \$ 1.00

Goudron Guyot ... per btl. \$ 0.70
Old Tom, Swain } per doz. btl. \$ 3.75
and Boord ... }

477 G.R. ... per case of 15. btl. \$ 5.00
Bucalypsinthe... per doz. qts. \$12.00
Assorted Syrup (from Bordeaux) } \$ 8.50
per dozen bottles }

Amer. African, } per doz. qts. \$ 8.50
G. Picon... }
Fine Champagne Brandy, per gallon \$ 3.25
Best French Preserves always on hand.

THE BAKERY.

Best French Bread supplied to all parts
of the Town every morning.

French Pilot Bread guaranteed to keep
for 15 days in good condition.

Hard Bread or Biscuit... per lb. \$ 0.05

" best quality " } ... per lb. \$ 0.08

Best American Flour per } \$10.00
barrel of 200 lbs. }
Do. 1/2 sack of 100 lbs. \$ 4.00

Do. 1/4 sack of 50 lbs. \$ 2.00
For smaller quantity } per lb. \$ 0.05
under 50 lbs. ... }

Soda Biscuit ... per lb. \$ 0.08
Cabin-Biscuit ... per lb. \$ 0.00

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes
of reference, into five sections:—No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P.
and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. & O. Company's Wharf to the
Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao
Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Govern-
ment Wharf to the Wanchai Pier; and No. 5 from the Wanchai Pier to
Kellett's Island.

Vessels.	Section	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Steamers.						
Antonio	3	July 31	Scaborne	British	1212	Russell & Co.
China	3	July 26	Aekermann	German	648	Siemssen & Co.
Chinking	3	July 30	S. M. Orr	British	799	Siemssen & Co.
C. T. Hook	2	July 18	Bradley	British	202	Kim-Tye Loong.
Danube	1	July 27	Clanchy	British	561	Yuen Fat Hong
Electra	3	July 30	R. Kahme	German	1136	Siemssen & Co.
Fame	3	—	A. Stopani	British	117	H. K. & W. Dock Co.
Greyhound	3	July 31	D. Scott	British	226	Adamson Bell & Co.
Hailong	4	May 18	Hunter	British	277	D. Lapraik & Co.
Heron	4	May 21	Bunje	British	56	Captain Conner
Hungaria	3	July 27	Stork	Austrian	1770	Melchers & Co.
Japan	3	Aug. 1	Gardner	British	1865	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Kang-chi	3	Aug. 1	Marsden	Chinese	688	C. M. S. N. Co.
Killarney	5	July 30	H. O'Neil	British	1700	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Kwangtung	3	July 28	Young	British	674	D. Lapraik & Co.
Nona	3	July 22	H. Waefel	German	667	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Norden	3	July 30	Rasmussen	Danish	778	Siemssen & Co.
Pencdo	3	July 29	Kenderdine	British	684	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Sea Gull	4	—	Hayden	American	48	China Insurance Co.
Shun Tip	1	July 7	Man Fu	Annamese	93	Captain
Tagasago Maru	3	Aug. 1	Young	Japanese	1230	M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Tung-tung	1	July 17	F. Dunno	Chinese	315	C. M. S. N. Co.
Yee-Tay	1	July 7	Leo Tung Tuk	Annamese	1200	Captain.

* Kowloon Dock.

† Cosmopolitan Dock.

‡ Aberdeen Dock.

Sailing Vessels.

Abbie Carver	1 July	13 N. P. Carver	Amr. bark	983	Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
Ambassador	5 July	24 Bedwell	Brit. bark	682	Siemssen & Co.
Anna Sieben	3 July	4 A. Paulsen	Ger. bark	603	Wieler & Co.
Astoria	5 July	6 Anderson	Amr. ship	1395	Messageries M'times Co.
Bonito	2 June	14 Wessenberg	Ger. bark	524	Wieler & Co.
Chusan	* June	8 Thorkell	Brit. bark	786	Melchers & Co.
C. F. Sargent	4 June	11 Hatherton	Amr. ship	1704	Borneo Co., Limited
Clara	3 July	20 Cutler	Brit. bark	939	Vogel & Co.
Daniel Barnes	5 July	22 J. G. Stover	Amer. ship	1485	Messageries M'times Co.
Fabius	2 July	12 E. Sequeira	Siam. bark	635	Chinese
Flensborg	3 July	9 G. Lanting	Dan. bark	365	Young Chi.
Flara	3 July	18 Will Block	Ger. bark	970	Siemssen & Co.
Florence Night'gal	5 July	23 A. McIntyre	Brit. bark	464	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Fortune	2 July	20 Soderstrom	Siam. bark	447	Chinese
Friederich	3 July	24 T. Thuren	Ger. bark	595	Siemssen & Co.
Freeman	5 July	11 Howes	Amr. bark	1196	Borneo Co. & Co.
Highlander	1 June	3 Clough	Amr. ship	1372	Vogel & Co.
Hiadoo	3 July	10 Matlaicessor	Ger. bark	541	Wieler & Co.
Hotspur	** June	12 Jack	Brit. bark	522	Melchers & Co.
India	5 July	23 Regener	Ger. bark	934	Melchers & Co.
Invincible	6 July	6 J. F. Skewes	Amr. ship	1460	Borneo Co., Limited.
Iris	3 July	18 Shaw	Br. 3-m. sch.	206	Siemssen & Co.
Java Packet	2 June	6 Hanson	Brit. bark	670	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
J. Christian	1 June	11 Rooklefs	Ger. bark	407	Siemssen & Co.
J. Chase	4 June	7 Costigan	Amr. bark	696	Siemssen & Co.
John C. Munro	3 July	25 Summers	Brit. bark	612	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Laurel	2 July	30 Grassam	Brit. bark	632	Melchers & Co.
Leontidas	5 June	27 C. C. Prehn	Brit. ship	1326	Captain
Mabel	4 June	14 F. Snow	Amer. bark	783	Naval Storekeeper
Mario	3 July	23 Hundiwadt	Ger. bark	428	Wieler & Co.
Melusino	3 July	4 Pliieger	Ger. bark	937	Melchers & Co.
Mozart	3 July	22 H. Sturm	Amr. ship	234	Siemssen & Co.
North American	5 July	19 Creelman	Amr. ship	1584	Captain.
Paul Jones	1 July	21 E. A. Gerrish	Amr. ship	1258	Russell & Co.
P. G. Carvill	5 June	14 Thos. McFie	Brit. ship	1556	Messageries Maritimes.
Race Horse	2 July	29 Stehmeyer	Siam. bark	387	Captain
Ribston	2 July	17 Affleck	Brit. bark	282	Chinese.
Signal	** July	20 T. Tucker	Brit. bark	397	Melchers & Co.
Sir John Laurence	4 June	4 Whitney	Amr. bark	429	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Smyrniolo	2 July	25 J. A. Bost	Brit. ship	1090	Messageries M'times Co.
Spartan	5 Feb.	15 Olson	Brit. bark	339	Chinese.
Ta Hongkong	2 July	6 Vincent	Amr. schr.	81	W. H. Ray
Tartar	5 July	19 Buttmann	Siam. bark	635	Chinese
Tiber	5 July	24 H. Kaemona	Ger. brig	256	Melchers & Co.
Theresa	5 June	12 F. K. Renuic	Brit. bark	923	Borneo Co.
	4 June	5 Hartmann	Dan. bark	414	Vogel & Co.